

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held July 24, 2002

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Kate Racine, Commissioner Brenda Gaynor, Steven Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault, Douglas Hartley and Donna Conway.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:

The following companies registered to provide telecommunications service in Rhode Island. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval of:

2262(E17) – Tralee Telephone Co., LLC

2262(F17) – Ridley Telephone Co., LLC

3450 – ICG Telecom Group, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0.

The following company submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filing and does not recommend suspension of:

2262(P7) – MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.

After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

The following company requested that its authority to operate as a customer-owned coin-operated telephone provider be rescinded:

2735 – Sprint Payphone Services

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to rescind the registration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0.

Verizon RI Interconnection Agreements (ICAs):

The following ICAs and amendments were submitted for approval. The Division has reviewed the filings and recommends approval of:

3326 - Amendment No. 1 to ICA entered w/ VIC-RMTS-DC, LLC d/b/a Verizon Avenue

3347 – ICA entered w/ SBC Telecom, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the ICA filings as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3195 – Verizon Rhode Island: This docket relates to the Verizon's Carrier-to-Carrier Guidelines. Discussion will relate to the Verizon's proposed modifications filed on May 29, 2002. These modifications are based on the changes ordered by the NYPSC on November 29,

2001. Commissioner Racine moved to suspend this filing. Commissioner Gaynor seconded the motion. **Vote 3-0.**

2510 – Pascoag Utility District: This docket relates to Pascoag’s Demand Side Management (“DSM”) and Renewables Energy Programs. Pascoag submitted a request seeking approval of: 1) to allocate \$22,000 of DSM funds to budget a weatherization program and 2) to transfer \$2,700 of DSM funds among its overall approved DSM/renewables budget. After discussion, Commissioner Racine moved to approve Pascoag’s request. Commissioner Gaynor seconded the motion. **Vote 3-0.**

3105 – Petition to Upgrade Existing Grade Crossing filed by John Hanks: This docket relates to Mr. Hanks request to widen an existing crossing, erect signage and install conduits to provide utilities to service a proposed residential dwelling on the property. The Division has concluded its review of the petition and submitted a recommendation to approve Mr. Hanks’ petition subject to conditions outlined in its recommendation.

Commissioner Racine moved to approve the Petition subject to the Division’s following recommendations:

1. Mr. Hanks will provide written notice to Jim Lanni of the Division should any rail traffic commence operating on the tracks in the vicinity of the proposed crossing.
2. The proposed crossing shall be established in accordance with the August, 2001 report of Northeast Engineers.
3. The proposed crossing will be established subject to any further conditions RIDOT may require; and
4. The Division reserve all rights, including but not limited to, recommending the addition of further warning devices on the crossing as established or appropriate limitations on rail operators traversing the crossing.

Commissioner Gaynor seconded the motion. **Vote 3-0.**

Other Matters:

Report on Narragansett Electric’s System Reliability – Commissioner Racine noted that the Commission had recently received copies of a report, prepared for the Division by its consultant Booth & Associates, regarding electric service reliability issues in the Providence area of Narragansett Electric’s distribution system. Chairman Germani said that Narragansett Electric will be making a presentation to the Division in response to the report and that the Division will remedy any quality of service issues.

Commissioner Racine adjourned the meeting in memory of Tom Weiss’s wife who passed away unexpectedly.

The open meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

